

many English; Lord Thanet, Lord Wycombe, Lady Dunmore and two Ladies Murray, the Misses Coutts, General Ross, &c.

The Duke of Orleans was nearly drowned the other day, by his horse missing the ford of a brook much swollen with rain, and being carried under an arch, where the horse was drowned.

The Duke swam out. His servant had plunged in to help him, without knowing how to swim, and the Duke was obliged to pull him out at great risk to himself.

The Duke's *chancelier*, Ducrest, being afraid of the Bastille on account of an absurd memoir which he made his master, the Duke of Orleans, present to the King, is gone off to England, having previously given in his resignation. He is the brother of Madame de Sillery, of whose history the following is a sketch.

A certain widow named Madame M^dzières, *re-venueuse à la toilette*, had an only daughter, who, being very handsome, made the conquest of Deshayes, a lover of the Duchess de Berry (the Regent's daughter). By this man she had a second daughter, now the famous Madame de Montesson.¹

Made-
moiselle M⁶zieres, her sister, married
M. Chantry,

ⁱ Madame de Montesson, aunt to Madame
de Genlis,
who was married to the Duke of Orleans.